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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF BOW,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1874;

TOGETHER WITH THE

Superintending School Committee's Report.

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1874.

REPORT.

Amount of taxes assessed for the year 1873,	$5,867.21

RECEIPTS.

Received of—	
Enoch Alexander, town treasurer for 1872,	$180.82
Charles C. Morgan, for money overdrawn for support of Jeremiah Morgan for 1872,	12.00
State treasurer, railroad tax,	447.66
State treasurer, savings bank tax,	1,373.27
State treasurer, literary fund,	89.79
Horace H. Parker, collector of taxes for the year 1872 and 1873,	4,983.00
City of Manchester, for the support of Susan Collins,	17.70
County of Merrimack, for the support of county paupers,	189.85
Town of Lisbon, for the support of Sally F. Streeter,	15.14
John Morgan, necklace and eardrops,	5.00
State treasurer, United States bounty,	192.00
	$7,506.23

EXPENDITURES.

Paid J. Frank Hoit & Co., for safe,	$75.00
John G. Rowell, for damage to ox and labor on highway,	15.00
N. H. Asylum, for the support of C. L. Hall,	164.42
County of Merrimack, county tax,	891.35
Edson C. Eastman, for printing town reports for 1872,	34.00
C. H. Norton, for team to carry jury twice to place where Gilman Saltmarsh, 2d, claims he was injured,	12.00

Paid C. H. Norton, for damage on highway in district No. 13,	$4.00
State treasurer, state tax,	1,608.00
John H. Knott, notes and interest,	1,384.65
Charles C. Morgan, for the support of Mrs. J. Morgan,	24.89
Dr. Horace Gage, for making return of registration of births and deaths in the town of Bow,	4.25
Amos Kimball, highway receipt for 1872,	.10
Heirs of N. H. Wheeler, highway receipt for 1872,	3.00
C. H. Norton, highway receipt for 1872,	2.50
Thomas W. Hammond, for the support of Hannah Hammond,	25.00
J. L. Whittemore, for services as S. S. Committee,	43.00
James Green, for taking care of town-house and hearse-house, and repairs on same,	12.25
W. C. Alexander, for digging grave for Mrs. J. Morgan, and going to Concord after safe,	4.00
For abatement of tax on W. C. Alexander's list for 1871,	3.15
For repairs of highways and bridges,	1,106.99
Witnesses in lawsuit—Saltmarsh *v.* Town of Bow,	83.47
Charles Crow, for coffin, &c., for J. Morgan,	12.50
C. H. Martin & Co., for medicine for Susan Collins,	1.00
James Grafton, for board and lodging transient person,	1.00
James Green, for board of selectmen's board,	6.00
Town of Tilton, for the support of C. L. Hall,	19.25
H. L. Burnham, for surveying road lines in districts Nos. 3 and 4,	4.00
Dr. T. Haynes, for medicine and attendance on Susan Collins,	15.00
City clerk of Manchester and town clerk of Lisbon for examining records in Mrs. Streeter's case,	1.75
Dr. S. L. F. Simpson, services render'd Mrs. Streeter,	3.00
J. Frank Hoit, for provisions for Mrs. Streeter,	5.14
Dr. A. R. Dearborn, for services rendered S. Wilson,	91.75
J. Frank Hoit, for groceries for S. Wilson,	3.17
B. W. Sanborn & Co., for books and stationery for selectmen and town clerk,	9.08
Marshall & Chase, for professional services rendered in 1872–73,	205.00
John Brown, for provisions furnished Mrs. Streeter,	4.00
W. Colby, Jr., for services as town clerk, 1873,	15.00

Paid W. Colby, Jr., for repairing hearse, and tools used on bridge in district No. 14,	$3.70
Ephraim Lamprey, for abatement for highway tax for 1869,	1.88
Several school districts—school money,	1,021.98
H. H. Parker, for services as moderator for 1873,	3.00
" collector of taxes for 1873,	65.00
Enoch Alexander, for services as town treasurer for 1873,	10.00
Horace H. Parker, for abatem't of taxes for 1872–73,	18.75
" " tax for 1873,	4.63
John W. Goodhue, for car fare, horse hire, and postage stamps,	7.50
Andrew Gault, Enoch Alexander, and Samuel C. Clement, auditors,	6.00

Town of Bow to John W. Goodhue, to services as Selectman for 1873:

1873.			Dr.
March	13.	To one half day on highway in dist. No. 13,	$1.00
	18.	To going to Weare to settle with Dr. Dearborn,	1.50
	22.	To drawing jury,	1.00
	26.	To Concord one day with county commissioners and other town business,	2.00
April	18.	To taking inventory, regulating books, making taxes and warrants, 15 days,	30.00
May	3.	To going to Hooksett to see the selectmen about laying out highway in No. 4,	1.00
	5.	To half day with selectmen on highway in district No. 4,	1.00
	10.	To half day with H. L. Burnham, running line in district No. 4,	1.00
	12.	To going after help to work on bridge in No. 14,	1.00
June	12.	To going to Tilton to see C. L. Hall,	2.00
	20.	To recording taxes on selectmen's book,	5.00
Aug.	20.	To going for doctor for Susan Collins,	1.00
		To going to Tilton after C. L. Hall and carrying him to the asylum,	3.00
Sept.	6.	To drawing jury,	1.00
	27.	To half day examining highway in district No. 11,	1.00

Oct.	13.	To seven days spent after witnesses and attending court in Saltmarsh case,	$14.00
Nov.	21.	To one day to Dunbarton on pauper business,	2.00
	26.	To half day to the south and west part of the town giving town orders,	1.00
Dec.	6.	To regulating jury box,	1.00
1874.			
Feb.	10.	To one day paying witnesses in Saltmarsh case,	2.00
	12.	To Manchester one day on pauper business,	2.00
	18.	To Concord one day with county commissioners, and other town business,	2.00
	21.	To making warrants and check-lists, and posting the same,	2.00
	23.	At the town-house one day settling town accounts,	2.00
	28.	Three days settling town accounts, making reports, and getting them printed,	6.00
			$86.50

John Brown, 2d, for services as Selectman.

1873.			
March	15.	To going to Concord for coffin for Jeremiah Morgan,	$2.00
April	17.	To thirteen days, making taxes and taking inventory, and making warrants,	26.00
May	5.	To one half day laying out highway,	1.00
	24.	To one half day running line near Turkey river,	1.00
Sept.	17.	To carrying Marshall & Chase to place where Saltmarsh claimed to have been hurt,	1.00
Oct.	24.	To time spent after witnesses and attending court in Saltmarsh case, eight days,	16.00
Nov.	3.	To going to see Mrs. Streeter,	1.00
	26.	To going to the south and west part of the town, on business,	1.00
Dec.	6.	To regulating jury box,	1.00
	29.	To going to Dist. No. 6 to see about breaking roads,	1.00
1874.			
Feb.	18.	To time spent with county commissioners,	2.00

Feb.	21.	To time spent in making check-lists and warrants,	$2.00
	23.	To one day settling town accounts,	2.00
	28.	To two days settling town accounts and making report,	4.00
			$61.00

Cavis G. Brown, for services as Selectman.

1873.			
April		To thirteen days taking inventory and making taxes,	$26.00
May	5.	To one half day with selectmen laying out highway,	1.00
June	6.	To one half day appointing agent in Dist. No. 6,	1.00
	11.	To one half day making returns,	1.00
Oct.		To four days at Concord on the Saltmarsh case,	8.00
Dec.	6.	To regulating jury box,	1.00
1874.			
Feb.	21.	To one day making check-list,	2.00
	23.	To one day settling town accounts,	2.00
	28.	To two days settling town accounts and making report,	4.00
			$46.00
			$7,233.60
		Money in hands of treasurer,	272.63
			$7,506.23

DEBTS DUE THE TOWN.

Due from Horace H. Parker, collector for 1872–73,	$1,204.75
Cash in hands of treasurer,	272.63
Balance in favor of the town,	$1,477.38

JOHN W. GOODHUE,
JOHN BROWN, 2d,
CAVIS G. BROWN,
Selectmen of Bow.

We, the undersigned, auditors of the selectmen's and treasurer's accounts for the year ending February 28, 1874, certify that we have examined said accounts, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ANDREW GAULT,
SAMUEL C. CLEMENT,
ENOCH ALEXANDER,
Auditors.

SCHOOL REPORT.

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District No. 1.

Miss Mary C. Heath had charge of this school both terms, and fully sustained her former reputation as an experienced and successful teacher. The appearance of the school at the examination of both terms was very good, and gave evidence of thorough work on the part of the teacher and pupils.

District No. 2.

This school was taught by Miss Helen A. Johnson, summer and winter terms, and, notwithstanding it was her first effort in teaching, she gave general satisfaction, so far as known by your committee.

District No. 3.

Miss Nellie E. Gault had the charge of this school both terms, and succeeded well considering the discouragements under which she labored. If all the parents of the children of this district felt a more lively interest in the education of their children, and would see that they were regular attendants at school, it would inspire the teacher with courage, and add essentially to the interest of the school.

District No. 4.

This school was placed under the instruction of Miss Thera

Wheeler during the summer term. Her labors were crowned with success, as in former years. Miss Etta Prescott taught the winter term, and the school still progressed under her direction; and when asked by your Committee at the examination if they had practised singing, the teacher immediately led off in a beautiful song, the scholars uniting, showing that if they had not practised vocal music as a science, they were nevertheless adepts in song.

District No. 5.

This school had but one term, taught by Miss Lizzie M. Duncklee, who succeeded well. In deportment and improvement it was a model school. They have here a neat and convenient school-house, which does credit to the district.

District No. 6.

This school was placed under the instruction of Miss L. F. Benson, summer and fall terms. She is an earnest and faithful teacher, consequently her labors were crowned with success. No whispering was allowed in this school.

District No. 7.

Miss Mary J. Putney teacher. This was her first attempt in teaching, and, though she was the youngest of our corps of teachers, she possesses fine qualifications for the work. The scholars of this school appeared well at each examination, and were familiar with their studies, evincing thoroughness in teacher and scholars.

District No. 8.

Both summer and fall terms were taught by Miss Asenath A. Wheeler, an amiable and pleasant teacher. She gave general satisfaction to the district. The school appeared well at each visit of your committee, and at the close showed commendable improvement.

District No. 9.

Miss Lizzie M. Duncklee had charge of this school during the summer term, which proved a success. The present committee is requested to correct an error which appeared in the last annual report. In writing concerning the prizes awarded, Miss Lizzie F. Merrill is recorded as one of the recipients; whereas, it should have been written, Miss Ella Woodbury.

The winter term was kept by Miss Georgia Clark, who came to us from another town as a teacher of some experience, and we hoped that the school would prosper under her instruction; but we are sorry to report that she failed to give general satisfaction, though she labored hard to secure it.

District No. 10.

This is a good school. This district, as well as some others, has been very fortunate in obtaining good and faithful teachers, and is now reaping the reward. Miss Ella J. Merrill, the teacher of both terms, will compare favorably with her predecessors. The class in history deserves much credit, being one of the most interesting in town.

District No. 11.

This school has been under the instruction of Miss Annie W. Goodhue during the year. She is a teacher of some experience, possessing a happy gift for training and instructing young children, of which this school was mostly composed. The impression of your committee, at the commencement of each term, was favorable; and suffice it to report, that the expectation thus formed was fully realized. The school practised singing to some extent.

District No. 12.

This school had but one term, which was kept by Miss Emma E. Gault, who labored earnestly for the improvement of her scholars, and at the close it was evident that she had not la-

bored in vain. Miss Etta Morgan received a prize, being at the head of her class the greatest number of times.

District No. 13.

This is a small school, but contains advanced scholars, and needs teachers of a high order. We congratulate the district in being able to secure teachers every way competent for the position. Miss Mary C. Foss taught the summer term, and we trust, from what we saw of the teacher's ability at the commencement of the school, that good improvement was made. Your committee was not informed when the school was to close. Miss Mary L. Flanders, who taught the winter term, is too well known as a successful teacher to need any commendation from us. If her health had permitted her to have finished her term, the same enthusiasm and improvement would have been apparent as formerly.

District No. 14.

Miss Annie J. Wheeler, whose services were secured for both terms of this school, is a teacher of no ordinary character. She knows how to hold the reins of government so as to secure the esteem and command the respect of her scholars. It is surprising that so much could be effected in the way of reform and improvement in only two terms as was apparent at the last examination of this school. Suffice it to report, that perfect order prevailed, and the improvement made was alike creditable to teacher and pupils.

This report, with the statistical table, furnishes us with one or two reflections deserving our consideration. The schools in town this year have been placed under the instruction of female teachers in every district, and those employed for the first term have been, in a majority of cases, retained through the year. There has not been that change of teachers which is sometimes the case;—thus the evils attendant on this course have been avoided. These frequent changes, where good teachers are employed, are detrimental to the existence of good schools. This

stability, therefore, speaks well for teachers and districts, showing that improvement has been made at least in one direction. We cannot forbear to suggest, also, the reduction of the number of schools in town. In our view, one half or two thirds the present number would be preferable. Six or eight teachers would perform the work of instructing the children in town with far more interest and enthusiasm than the present system. This plan, if carried into effect, would be a saving of from one to two hundred dollars each year. The result of such reduction of schools could not be otherwise than beneficial to all concerned. The schools would then be larger, longer, cheaper, and better every way. We would present this suggestion, hoping that this, and every other improvement in favor of common schools, may find a ready response in every mind.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. L. WHITTEMORE,
Superintending School Committee.

Bow, February 27, 1874.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	Summer, Fall, or Winter Term.	Name of Teacher.	No. weeks of school.	Wages per month, including board.	Whole No. of scholars.	Average attendance.	Tardiness.	Dismissals.	Not absent one half day.	No. of visits of Supt.
1	Summer.	Miss Mary C. Heath.	10	$20.00	12	$9\frac{40}{51}$	56	3	1	2
	Winter.	Miss Mary C. Heath.	10	22.00	20	$16\frac{33}{98}$	68	5	0	2
2	Summer.	Miss Helen A. Johnson.	7	21.00	9	8	8	0	1	2
	Fall.	Miss Helen A. Johnson.	10	24.00	14	11	10	0	0	2
3	Summer.	Miss Nellie E. Gault.	8	20.00	11	$6\frac{1}{2}$	30	8	0	2
	Winter.	Miss Nellie E. Gault.	9	20.00	8	5	14	5	0	2
4	Summer.	Miss Thera Wheeler.	8	20.00	8	7	4	0	3	2
	Winter.	Miss Etta Prescott.	10	20.00	8	$5\frac{1}{2}$	8	0	2	2
5	Fall.	Miss Lizzie M. Duncklee.	10	20.00	10	8	12	1	0	2
6	Summer.	Miss L. F. Benson.	7	16.00	5	4	6	0	0	2
	Fall.	Miss L. F. Benson.	11	20.00	11	7	3	5	0	1
7	Summer.	Miss Mary J. Putney.	8	14.00	11	9	27	1	4	2
	Fall.	Miss Mary J. Putney.	9	16.00	8	6	39	1	0	1
8	Summer.	Miss Asenath A. Wheeler.	8	20.00	6	5	5	2	1	2
	Fall.	Miss Asenath A. Wheeler.	8	24.00	8	7	11	4	1	2
9	Summer.	Miss Lizzie M. Duncklee.	8	20.00	13	11	3	1	3	2
	Winter.	Miss Georgia Clark.	$7\frac{1}{2}$	17.00	15	11	3	0	4	2
10	Summer.	Miss Ella J. Merrill.	8	24.00	9	8	0	0	1	2
	Winter.	Miss Ella J. Merrill.	12	28.00	22	15	0	0	0	2
11	Summer.	Miss Annie W. Goodhue.	9	24.00	17	14	4	4	2	2
	Fall.	Miss Annie W. Goodhue.	11	26.00	16		5	1	2	2
12	Fall.	Miss Emma E. Gault.	9		9	8	0	0	2	2
13	Summer.	Miss Mary C. Foss.	8	20.00	7	$5\frac{3}{4}$	26	2	1	1
	Winter.	Miss Mary L. Flanders.	$9\frac{1}{2}$	25.00	9	$6\frac{1}{2}$	36	2	2	1
14	Summer.	Miss Annie J. Wheeler.	8	28.00	17	13	1	10	0	3
	Winter.	Miss Annie J. Wheeler.	10	32.25	30	22	2	5	1	2

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